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Enclosed is a FIRST Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application numbers 09/714,514 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on November 17, 2000; 10/768,677 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on February 2, 2004; 10/925,924 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on August 26, 2004; 10/933,539 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on September 3, 2004; 10/508,198 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on September 20, 2004; 10/958,233 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed October 6, 2004; 10/510,580 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on October 8, 2004; and 10/970,282 naming Darko Pervan et al. as inventor and filed on October 22, 2004, and the documents cited therein. Copies of the applications for 10/768,677, 10/508,198, and 10/510,580 are enclosed. The other listed applications are available in electronic format according to the Private Patent Application Information Retrieval System (PAIRS), therefore not requiring copies to be enclosed.

☐ In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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